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SUBJ: KUWAITI COURT SENTENCES SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINE OFFICE FIRE-  
BOMBER TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, THE KUWAIT CRIMINAL COURT AUGUST 9, 1976, SENTENCED AMIN SALIM AL-HALWANI, A PALESTINIAN, TO TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT WITH LABOUR, FOLLOWED BY DEPORTATION FROM KUWAIT. AL-HALWANI WAS APPREHENDED FLEEING FROM SCENE OF THE JULY 2, 1976 FIREBOMBING INCIDENT AT THE KUWAIT OFFICE OF THE SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES. HE CONFESSED TO THE ACT, BUT THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY ASKED FOR MERCY SAYINT THE DEFENDANT HAD ACTED OUT OF "OVERFLOWING FEELINGS OF NATIONALISM".

2. EARLIER PRESS REPORTS QUOTED MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SOURCES AS SAYING THAT AL-HALWANI WAS INSANE AND HAD BEEN COMMITTED TO THE PSYCHIATRIC WARD OF A KUWAITI HOSPITAL.

3. COMMENT: THE SPEEDY DISPATCH OF KUWAITI JUSTICE WAS NO DOUBT HASTENED ALONG BY GOK EMBARRASSMENT OVER THE INCIDENT, PLUS FEARS THAT IT MIGHT PORTEND GREATER PALESTINIAN ACTIVISM IN KUWAIT. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ANY ACCOMPLICES OR POSSIBLE PALESTINIAN POLITICAL CONNECTIONS THE ACCUSED MIGHT HAVE HAD.

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